

REMARKS

Included with this submission is a Declaration of the prosecuting attorney. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 715.04, that Declaration establishes the unavailability of the inventor. Further, that Declaration establishes the undersign's attorney relationship with the Assignee and establishes the undersign as a party in interest as the prosecuting attorney.

Further, the Declaration shows prior inventorship prior to the filing date of the Bjorndahl application and shows diligence thereafter because the Bjorndahl application was only filed on August 13, 2003, while the present application was filed at the end of that year. The inventor submitted the invention disclosure attached to the Declaration prior to the date of the Bjorndahl application and it underwent the Assignee's normal invention review process and patent application preparation such that the application was filed by the end of the year. Thus, prior invention and diligence are shown and, therefore, the reference is antedated.

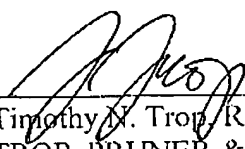
With respect to the rejections of claims 14, 20, and 25, to the extent that the Examiner takes official notice that something was obvious, this would be inappropriate and the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite a reference. Nothing in Bjorndahl teaches any reason to do what is claimed and, therefore, a rationale to combine from within the prior art is missing. While it is not contested that optical isolators are known, using an optical isolator in the way claimed is not known and is not suggested by any cited reference.

Therefore, reconsideration is requested on this additional ground.

Respectfully submitted,

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